

- Drum Major Institute: "In 2007, When America's Struggling Middle Class Looked To Congress for Help, They Found a Consistent Champion in Rep. John Hall." -

Washington, DC – The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (DMI) released yesterday "The MiddleClass.org 2007 Congressional Scorecard" and awarded U.S. Rep. John Hall a grade of "A-Plus," a perfect score, for his voting record during his first year in Congress.

"One Representative who demonstrated a sincere desire to strengthen and expand America's middle class, and the votes to prove it, was Rep. John Hall," according to DMI.

DMI is widely recognized as America's middle-class think tank. The scorecard was based on votes on legislation dealing with middle-class issues like health care, college affordability, and the impact of free trade agreements. Congressman Hall's scorecard can be found [here](#).

"The middle-class squeeze isn't inevitable. It is the result of decisions made by those we elect to represent us. Important legislation was voted on this year, ranging from health care and education bills that were aimed at alleviating middle-class burdens to misguided trade agreements and tax policies that were skewed towards wealthy Americans and hurt the middle class. Simply put, how Congress votes matters," said DMI Executive Director Andrea Batista Schlesinger.

"More and more families are finding themselves stuck in the ever tightening 'middle-class squeeze,'" said Congressman Hall. "I'm proud that the new Congress took important steps to strengthen and expand the middle class and fight the growing economic pressure on working families."

When asked about the most important function of the annual DMI middle-class scorecard, Ms. Schlesinger responded, "Accountability. Members of Congress cannot tell the public they support the middle class but then cast votes against them. Thanks to TheMiddleClass.org, every American has access to their Senators' and Representative's voting records on the most important middle-class legislation. Without question, those who kept their word, like Rep. John Hall, deserve every accolade they receive."

TheMiddleClass.org 2007 Congressional Scorecard can be [reviewed in full here](#).